



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 6935

House of Representatives, April 9, 2001

The Committee on Public Safety reported through REP. DARGAN of the 115th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING URINE TESTING OF RACING DOGS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (b) of section 12-577 of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (b) (1) The Auditors of Public Accounts shall, as part of their audit
4 of the accounts and records of The University of Connecticut, audit the
5 accounts and records of the microchemistry laboratory at The
6 University of Connecticut which is responsible for the testing of urine
7 of racing dogs. Said auditors shall make a separate report of their
8 findings relative to the microchemistry laboratory.

9 (2) The executive director of the Division of Special Revenue shall
10 transfer urine specimens collected from racing dogs pursuant to
11 section 12-574d to the microchemistry laboratory for the testing of such
12 urine specimens. The laboratory shall conduct, within available
13 appropriations, such number of tests on such specimens as required,

14 provided the total number of such tests conducted does not exceed
15 [twenty] twenty-five thousand samples in each fiscal year, and
16 provided, if only one facility for dog racing is operating, the total
17 number of such tests conducted does not exceed sixteen thousand
18 samples in each fiscal year.

PS *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: Division of Special Revenue

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

The Division of Special Revenue (DSR) is currently authorized by statute to test 20,000 urine samples annually as part of the state's program to regulate greyhound racing dogs. The Microchemistry Laboratory at the University of Connecticut, which conducts the tests, has indicated that it can test up to 25,000 samples for no additional cost because laboratory set-up cost for 20,000 samples is the same as the set-up cost for 25,000 samples. The amount included for urine testing in HB 6668, the governor's proposed budget for the 2001-2003 biennium, is \$463,000 in FY 02 and \$463,000 in FY 03.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY:

This bill increases, from 20,000 to 25,000, the maximum number of racing dog urine tests that the University of Connecticut's Microchemistry Laboratory must conduct in each fiscal year. It retains the current 16,000-test maximum if only one dog track is operating.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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